



Successful Telephone Book Recycling Drive

The Montgomery Clean City Commission is pleased to announce the 2008 Telephone Book Recycling Drive collected 58.87 tons of telephone directories from the group collection. We also collected twice that amount from the curb-side recycling and the Air Force Bases.

Six youth groups including Boy Scout troops, church groups and cheerleaders were responsible for collecting the books. And, thanks to \$4,000 in funding from Bell South, MCCC was able to pay these groups 3.5 cents per pound for their efforts. The cheerleaders of Robert E. Lee High School, Boy Scout Troop 103, Troop 223, Troop 4, Troup 225 and New Providence Baptist Church collected books from local businesses throughout the Montgomery area. Since the inception of the program Montgomery Clean City Commission has paid more than \$76,000 to youth groups throughout the city.

There are many products made from old phone books such as cellulose insulation, paper egg cartons, envelopes, newsprint, asphalt shingles, paper roofing and paper for new phone books. Always look for the recycled-content symbol on packaging. BellSouth manufactures its directories to be 100% recyclable, including water-soluble glue, soybean-based inks, and environmentally friendly dyes and coatings.

The residents and businesses of Montgomery recycle approximately 44.19% of all phone books delivered by Bell South. MCCC hopes to see this increase each year until all phone books are recycled thus saving the taxpayer's money, extending the life of the landfill and adding to the stream of recycled products available on the market.